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Tiefensee, (fmu), an official in the Industry and Traffic Office of the Cabinet for Coordination and Control, has made the following statements: Walter Ulbricht is to devote himself more to his duties as First Secretary of the SED Central Committee and actually to give up his post as Deputy Minister President, probably before the next Party Congress is held. Prior to this, several changes are expected to be made in the East German Government. The coordination departments are to be dissolved. Heinrich Rau, the present head of the Coordination Office for Industry and Traffic will become the head of the new Machine Construction Ministry which is to be an amalgamation of the present three construction ministries. ¹ The State Administration for Material Procurement is to be absorbed by the State Planning Commission. However, no governmental changes will be put into effect before Ulbricht's return from Russia.

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